



**COTTON
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OF INDIA**

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SEPTEMBER 2026

ALL INDIA ARRIVALS

STATEWISE CROP ESTIMATES

INDIAN COTTON BALANCE SHEET



COTTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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At the recommendation made at its Crop Committee meeting held on 28th October 2026, CAI has finalised the crop estimate for 2025-26 season. Around 24 members across all States of the Country attended the meeting and gave estimation of their States.

CAI's final estimate of cotton pressing for 2025-26 stands revised downward to 325.69 lakh bales from earlier estimate of 339 lakh bales:

State. 170 kg Bales

Punjab. 1.50

Haryana. 6.50

Up Raj. 11.00

Low Raj 8.00

North total. 27.00 lakh bs

Gujarat. 68.50

Maharashtra 113.35

MP. 17.50

Central total 199.35 bs

Telangana 42.10

Andhra. 19.80

Karnataka 26.94

Tamil Nadu 5.00

South total 93.84

Orissa. 3.50

Others. 2.00

Total crop 325. 69 of 170 kg bs

(342 lakh running bales of 162 kg)

CAI has also finalised Indian cotton balance sheet as per the recommendations made its Crop Committee meeting held on 28th October 2026 as follows: -

Bales Details

55.59 opening stck 1-10-25

325.69 crop 2025-26

71.60 imports 2025-26

452.88 total supply available

Less

365.00 cotton Consumption

15.00 cotton Exports

380.00 lakh bales total uses

=72.88 lakh 170 kg bales will be Cotton Closing stock on year ending 30-09-26

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF CAI CROP COMMITTEE MEETING FOR SEASON 2025-26

1) Cotton Opening Stock as on 1-10-25 as per CAI is estimated as it is at 55.59 lakh bales

2) Committee members considered all points and thereafter, estimation of Cotton Production is Finalized at 325.69 lakh 170 kg bales (against earlier Estimation of 339.00 lakh bales)

Cotton Imports 1-10-25 to 30-09-26 is finalized at 71.60 lakh bales

(Against earlier Estimation of 62.00 lakh bales)

4) Cotton consumption is finalized at 365.00 lakh bales — (against earlier Estimation of 348.00 lakh bales.

Increase in domestic consumption is mainly attributable to a shift from man-made fibre to cotton due to their high price, addition of new spindles supported by Government incentives, robust export demand and good margin in cotton yarn.

5) Cotton exports has been maintained at 15.00 lakh bales

6) Cotton closing stock on 30-09-26 is reduced by 20.90 lakh bs and finalized at 72.88 lakh bales

(Against earlier estimated at 93.59 lakh bs from)

7) On 30th September Indian mills stock is expected at 72.88 lakh bales

45.00 lakh bs stock with mills

12.00 lakh bs with CCI

15.88 lakh bs with trade, ginners & MNCs

72.88 closing stk 30-09-26

Mumbai

Date: 31st October 2026



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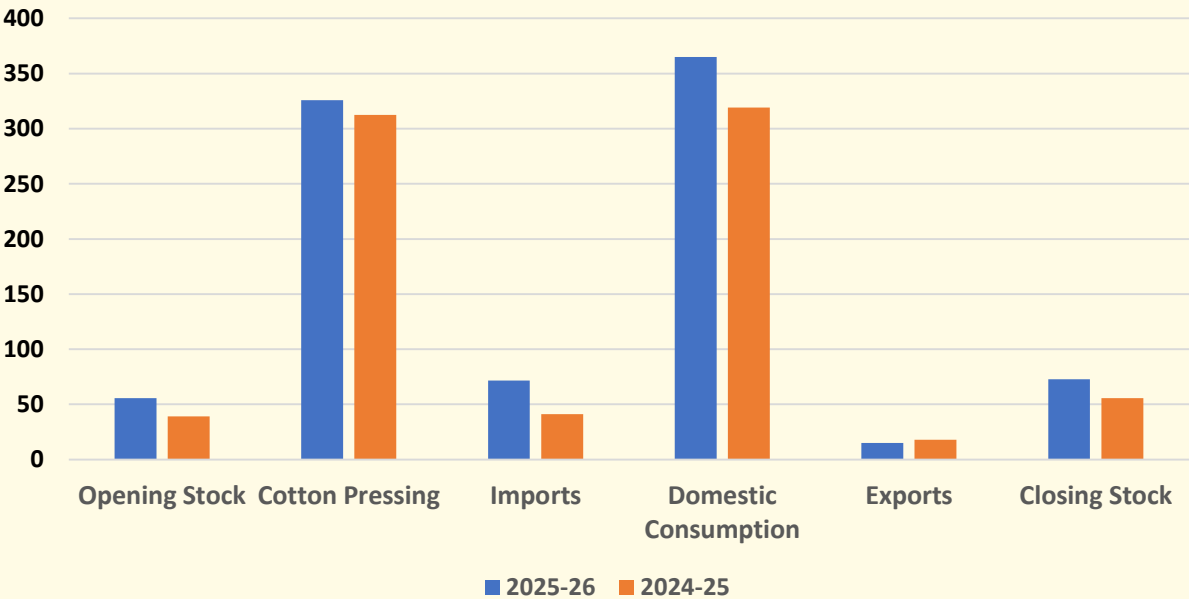
INDIAN COTTON BALANCE SHEET FOR THE SEASON 2024-25 AND 2025-26

Estimated as on 30th Sep 2026

All Figures in Lakh Bales of 170 Kg

Season	2025-26		2024-25	Change	
Details	Jul-26	Sep-26		Monthly	Yearly
Supply					
Opening Stock	55.59	55.59	39.19		16.40
Cotton Pressing	339.00	325.69	312.40	-13.31	13.29
Imports	62.00	71.60	41.00	9.60	30.60
Total Supply	456.59	452.88	392.59	-3.71	60.29
Demand					
Non-MSME Consumption	231.00	248.00	215.00	17.00	33.00
MSME Consumption	101.00	101.00	89.00		12.00
Non-Textile Consumption	16.00	16.00	15.00		1.00
Total Domestic Demand	348.00	365.00	319.00	17.00	46.00
Available Surplus	108.59	87.88	73.59	-20.71	14.29
Exports	15.00	15.00	18.00		-3.00
Closing Stock	93.59	72.88	55.59	-20.71	17.29
Note-The CAI's above estimates are +/- 3%					

Indian Cotton Comparative Balancesheet





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INDIAN COTTON PRESSING ESTIMATE FOR THE SEASON 2024-25 AND 2025-26

Estimated as on 30th Sep 2026

State	As on 30th Sep 2026			As on 31st Jul 2026		2024-25	
				Total Bales	Monthly Change in Bales	Total Bales	Yearly Change in Bales
	Pressed Bales	Loose	Total Bales				
	All figures in Lakh Bales of 170 Kg						
North Zone							
Punjab	1.30	0.20	1.50	1.50		1.50	
Haryana	6.02	0.48	6.50	7.00	-0.50	8.05	-1.55
Upper Rajasthan	10.67	0.33	11.00	11.75	-0.75	10.35	0.65
Lower Rajasthan	7.67	0.33	8.00	8.75	-0.75	9.65	-1.65
Total	25.66	1.34	27.00	29.00	-2.00	29.55	-2.55
Central Zone							
Gujarat	66.51	1.99	68.50	70.00	-1.50	77.00	-8.50
Maharashtra	111.89	1.46	113.35	118.50	-5.15	91.00	22.35
Madhya Pradesh	17.00	0.50	17.50	18.00	-0.50	19.00	-1.50
Total	195.40	3.95	199.35	206.50	-7.15	187.00	12.35
South Zone							
Telangana	41.19	0.91	42.10	43.00	-0.90	48.75	-6.65
Andhra Pradesh	19.50	0.30	19.80	21.00	-1.20	13.25	6.55
Karnataka	26.39	0.55	26.94	28.50	-1.56	24.00	2.94
Tamil Nadu	4.86	0.14	5.00	5.50	-0.50	4.00	1.00
Total	91.94	1.90	93.84	98.00	-4.16	90.00	3.84
Orissa	3.42	0.08	3.50	3.50		3.85	-0.35
Others	2.00		2.00	2.00		2.00	
Grand Total	318.42	7.27	325.69	339.00	-13.31	312.40	13.29

* Loose cotton production figures are as per the survey report of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles and Management for a non-covid year.

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Balance Sheet of 12 months

From 01-Oct-2025 to 30-Sep-2026

Details	In Lakh Bales of 170 kg	in '000 Tons
Opening Stock as on 01-Oct-2025	55.59	945.03
Pressings upto 30-Sep-2026	325.69	5,536.73
Imports upto 30-Sep-2026	71.60	1,217.20
Total Supply	452.88	7,698.96
Consumption	365.00	6,205.00
Export Shipments upto 30-Sep-2026	15.00	255.00
Stock with Mills	45.00	765.00
Stock with CCI, Maha. Fedn., MNCs, Ginners, Traders & Exporters	27.88	473.96
Total Use	452.88	7,698.96

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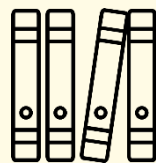
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